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SUBJ: AFGHAN DELEGATION TO THIRD UN CONFERENCE ON LAW OF SEA

REF: KABUL 1040, STATE 27826

1. EMBOFF CALLED MARCH 13 ON MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) LEGAL ADVISOR SAADULLAH GHAUSSI, WHO STATED THAT AS THINGS NOW STAND AFGHAN DELEGATION TO CONFERENCE CONVENING MARCH 17 TO BE HEADED BY AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE MOHAMMAD AKRAM. OTHER MISSION MEMBERS WILL BE MAJID MANGAL OF GOA PERMANENT MISSION TO U.N, AND NANGUVALAI SEDDIQ TARZI OF AFGHAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON (WHO ALSO ATTENDED LAST SUMMER'S CARACAS CONFERENCE).

2. AKRAM NAMED AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE JANUARY 1975 AND IN 1972-73 WAS AMBASSADOR TO EGYPT. OTHER DIPLOMATIC POSTS WERE AS CULTURAL AFFAIRS OFFICER IN MOSCOW (1961-1963) AND MUNICH (1963-1964). MEMBER OF AFGHANISTAN'S "TAJIK" ETHNIC GROUP, AKRAM BORN KABUL JANUARY 15, 1916 AND AFTER COMPLETING SECONDARY EDUCATION AT KABUL'S FRENCH LANGUAGE HIGH SCHOOL ("ISTIQLAL") STUDIED AT TOULOUSE UNIVERSITY AND UNIVERSITY OF PARIS WHERE HE RECEIVED DOCTORATE IN GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY. HE ENTERED GOVERNMENT WORK IN 1948. SERVICE IN AFGHANISTAN HAS BEEN FOR MOST PART IN MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, WHERE HE ADVANCED TO RANK OF MINISTER AND HELD PORTFOLIO DURING 1968-1969. BIOGRAPHIC HANDBOOK CONTAINS FULL BIO-
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GRAPHY DATED MARCH 1969, COMPILED WHILE AKRAM WAS MINEDUCATION.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY FINDS IT PUZZLING THAT MISSION'S
COMPOSITION SHOULD HAVE BEEN SO LONG IN FORMING, AND THAT IT
TOOK SHAPE THAT IT DID. GHAUSSI'S EXCLUSION IS SURPRISING.
WE SURMISE MEMBERSHIP IN DELEGATION MAY HAVE BECOME SUBJECT
OF MINISTER INTERNAL POLITICS HAVING NOTHING TO DO WITH LOS
AND THAT CHANGES IN DELEGATION COULD TAKE PLACE EVEN NOW.
GENEVA'S COMMENTS ON FINAL SHAPE AND PROFESSIONAL CALIBER
OF DELEGATION WILL BE WELCOME.
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